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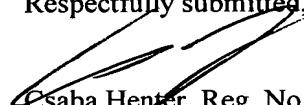
SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 28, 2005, applicants elect with traverse group I, and as species RTDLYYLRTY, which appears on page 21 of the specification in table 2, the 4th species from the bottom of the table. The elected species has been submitted in machine-readable language previously, and it is SEQ ID NO: 44.

The traversal is on the grounds that the patent office has not established that it would pose an undue burden to examine the full scope of the claimed invention.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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